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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 10, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7----Again this week Newtown apples from Santa Cruz County are tagged as the "Best Buy" in fruits, followed by Santa Clara County Winter Nolis pears as a Good Buy.

In the Fair Buy class are Coachella Valley grapefruit, lemons, and oranges (slightly lower).

Best Buys from the vegetable bin include cauliflower and all kinds of dry onions (lower).

Among the Good Buys this week are Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage, and celery.

Asparagus remains a Fair Buy.

#### Meat

Demand for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market has been fair to good the past week. Lightweight beef and lamb, Good calf carcasses, and cow beef have been in light supply, but there has been a plentiful supply of Utility grade veal and mid-western pork loins. While there has been a wide assortment of steer beef, most of it has been of top-Commercial and Good grades, with Commercial and Utility grades selling \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher per hundredweight. Prices have also advanced \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on Commercial grade veal and on all grades of calf carcasses. Ewe mutton, pork loins, and smoked hams have all dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight.

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### Butter --

Plentiful supplies of top grades of butter have dropped 1-cent per pound in the San Francisco wholesale market from a week ago, while lower grades in scarcer supply have advanced 1-cent per pound. Quotations to retailers are: Grades AAA(1st Quality), 67-1/2 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 67 to 68 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Western butter production is still exceeding last year's output at this time -- about 12 percent.

### Eggs --

Eggs continue in plentiful supply, with local receipts approximately 20 percent above last year. Surplus stocks are moving into storage. In the San Francisco wholesale market, prices are unchanged from a week ago, with Grade "A" Large quoted to retailers at 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums at 40 to 41 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls at 32 to 34 cents per dozen in cartons.

### Poultry --

Although demand for dressed poultry has been only moderate the past week, prices are mostly on an upward trend, because supplies of live classes have been short of demand and dealers have been competing for supplies. On dressed weights, broilers are 1 to 2 cents per pound higher than a week ago; fryers and roasters are up 1-cent per pound; all weights of Leghorn hens are 2 cents per pound higher; and old roosters are selling 1-cent per pound higher. Colored hens are an exception and have held unchanged in price.

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